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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP ART UNIT 1771  
Docket No.: 29827/40332  
(PATENT—NO FEE)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Hans-Joachim Hähnle et al.

Application No.: 10/502,135

Confirmation No.: 1567

Filed: July 19, 2004

Art Unit: 1711

For: A PROCESS FOR THE REDUCTION OF THE  
RESIDUAL MONOMER CONTENT AND  
ENHANCEMENT OF THE WET STRENGTH  
OF ARTICLES FORMED FROM WATER-  
ABSORBENT CROSSLINKED POLYMER  
FOAMS AND USE THEREOF

Examiner: T. M. Boykin

**AMENDMENT "C" AFTER  
FINAL REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 2, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.